

# Holy Week Schedule March/April - 2026



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**

03/30 at 7:00AM  
 03/31 at 6:00PM  
 04/01 at 6:00PM

Holy Monday in the Old Church  
 Holy Tuesday in the Old Church  
 Holy Wednesday in Old Church  
*(Anointing of the sick after Mass)*



Anointing of the sick

**HOLY THURSDAY IN THE NEW CHURCH**

04/02 at 6:00PM

Presentation of the Chrism Oil  
 Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Old Church (Altar of Repository)  
 Adoration in the Old Church until 9:00PM  
 Rice Bowl Collection  
 Bring a bell to ring during Gloria song  
 Washing of the feet



Jesus washes the disciples' feet. John 13:1-20

**GOOD FRIDAY IN THE NEW CHURCH**

04/03 at 8:00AM  
 2:00PM  
 3:00PM

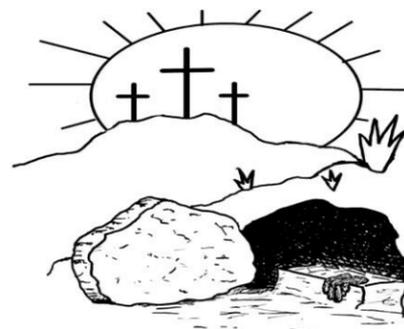
Communal Stations-of-the Cross  
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 Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and  
 Communion Service



Living Stations of the Cross

04/04 at 7:30PM

**EASTER VIGIL IN THE NEW CHURCH**  
 Bring a bell to ring during Gloria song



**EASTER SUNDAY IN THE NEW CHURCH**

04/05 at 7:00AM  
 9:30AM

Sunday Mass in the New Church  
 Sunday Mass in the New Church  
 †Followed by Easter Egg Hunt after the 9:30AM Mass



**PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor  
 Dcn. Bambi Emayo – Deacon  
 Office Secretary – Sr. Roselyne Mawpat, MSMHC

Parish Accounting Manager:  
 Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:  
 Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:  
 Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS  
 Laure Dietterle

Religious Education Director:  
 Sr. Roselyne Mawpat, MSMHC

Food Pantry:  
 Benymar Tapucol

Filipino Catholic Club:  
 Lydia Rebugio

Pastoral Council:  
 TBE

Finance Council:  
 Jacquelyn Contrades

**Baptism:** Submit application form and required papers to the Parish Office. Baptism class will be scheduled upon receipt of completed applications. Baptism is usually held on Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass.

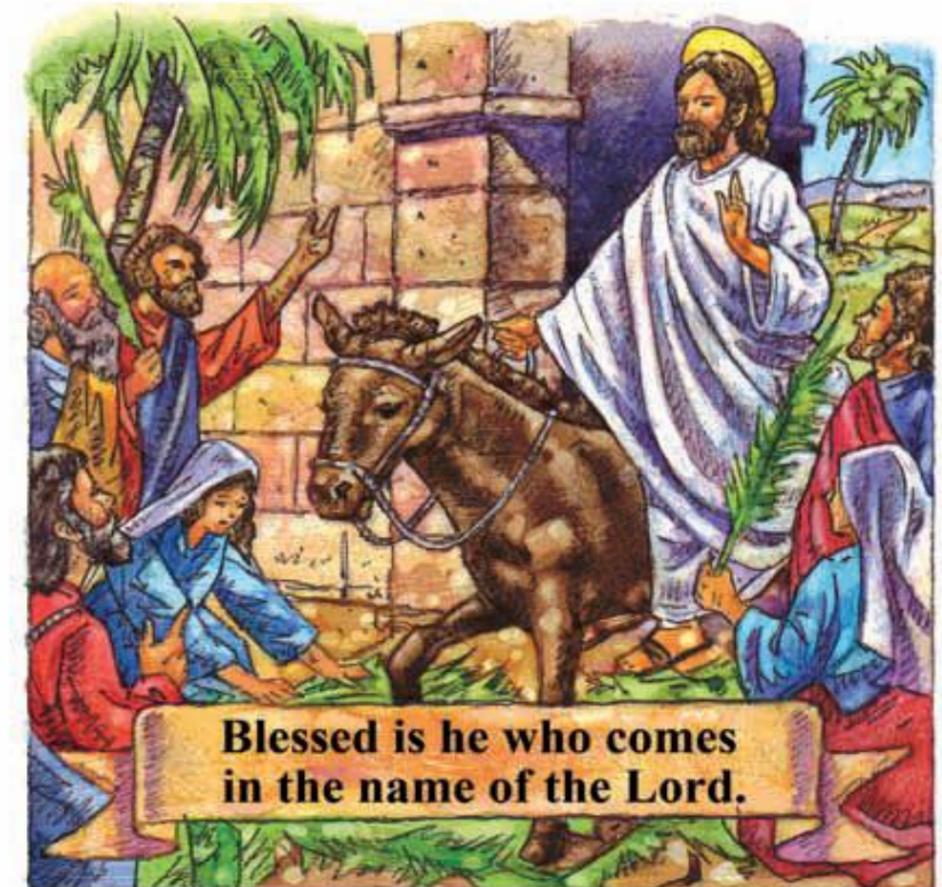
**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** Contact the Office for more information.

**Marriage:** Contact the Parish Office for more information at least six months before wedding.

**OCIA:** Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office for scheduling the visit.

**Funerals:** Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.



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*Palm Sunday, the Passion of the Lord  
 March 29, 2026*

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Daily Mass Monday – Friday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church)

**Wednesday:** O.L.P.H Novena (After Mass)

**Thursday:** Our Lady Of La Salette Novena (After Mass)

**Saturday:** Novena to St. Raphael 7.30 AM. Mass – 8.00 AM

**Healing Mass:** (Every First Saturday only)- 8.00 AM

**Saturday (Vigil Mass):** 5.00 PM (NewChurch)

**Sunday (Mass):** 7:00 AM (New Church) 9:30 AM (New Church)

**Reconciliation:** 30 Minutes before Mass on the weekends in the Parish Office

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Call the Parish Office at (808) 742-1955 to schedule an appointment

## March & April Birthdays

Ben Asuncion 31  
 Alessandra Rivera 31  
 Ryan Snay 31  
 Aries Rivera 1<sup>st</sup> April  
 Keegan Bukoski 3  
 Josephine Bernoski 3



*May God bless you and grant you the wishes of your heart*



### Stations-of-the Cross

Every Friday at 5:30 PM during Lent.  
 Weather permitting, on the lawn fronting the New Church.



### Welcome and Aloha!

*Thank you for celebrating with us at St. Raphael Church this weekend. You may be visiting, new to our community, or live on this beautiful Island. We hope you enjoyed your time at St. Raphael Church where you considered St. Raphael Church your "home" away from home.*

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*We are at the doorsteps of Holy Week where we remember Christ's passion. Jesus humbled himself and let go of everything, emptying himself for us. During this time of Lent, how have we joined the Lord? Has our prayer, penitential practices and almsgiving moved us to humble ourselves before the Lord? Have we let go of things that keep us from being authentic stewards for Christ Jesus? How have we "emptied" ourselves so that when we do approach the table of the Lord, we can be nourished by His body and blood? As disciples of the Lord Jesus and stewards of His gift of faith, it is time to evaluate our lives under the cross.*



### Stewards of Treasure Weekly Collections, March 21 & 22, 2026

Collection	\$	3,456.00
Votive Candles	\$	254.00
Mass Intentions	\$	365.00
Gift Shop	\$	1494.00
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	5.00
Filipino Club (Donation) Scholarship	\$	700.00
Calendar	\$	30.00
Online Church Offering	\$	217.00

**MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**



**\*Our Second Collection for today is for CMMA. We thank you for your generosity.**

**\*On Holy Thursday, there will be a collection for the CRS Rice Bowl provides finding for the Catholic Relief Services' food security projects which support agriculture, nutrition, education and self-sufficiency in communities around the world.**

**\*On Good Friday, there will be pontifical collection to support Holy places in the Holy Land, along with funding pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports, for the welfare of the Christian brethren of those local communities.**

**\* All Masses on Holy Week will be in the evening except on Holy Monday.**

**\*On Saturday, April 4, there will be no healing Mass, as we are in the Holy Week. Healing Mass for April will be on April 11.**

**\*We will be having an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 4 after the 9:30AM Mass. Donations of plastic eggs and candies are now accepted in the Parish Office. Last day to donate will be on Holy Thursday, April 2. Thank you for your generosity.**

**\*Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 12PM.**



St. Raphael's Church Online giving is tested and secured and a convenient way to give your weekly offerings or donations anytime from the comfort of your own home, or from any place with internet access. For more information, please visit our website at: [st-raphael-kauai.org](http://st-raphael-kauai.org)

## TODAY'S READINGS, Palm Sunday

### Gospel at the Procession with Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem as the crowd waves palm branches and shouts, "Hosanna!"

### First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

### Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb. (shorter form: Matthew 27:11-54)

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy. In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father. Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament. Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28) While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death. Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today. There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven. The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

### Prayer For Lent

*Father of mercies and God of all consolation, you sent your only Son to give your people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of our sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace. Deliver us from the darkness that blinds us; free us from the sins that bind us; fill us with the joy of your forgiveness through the Death and Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*



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